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Applicant(s): Peltz et al.

Examiner: Delia M. Ramirez

Application No.: 10/652,334

Group Art Unit: 1652

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(54569.8003.US02)

For: SUBFAMILY OF RNA
HELICASES WHICH ARE
MODULATORS OF THE
FIDELITY OF TRANSLATION
TERMINATION AND USES
THEREOF

Dated: June 24, 2004

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, a response to which is due, without extension, on June 25, 2004.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. Section 121 between one of the following groups, which the Examiner has alleged as being distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 5-6, drawn to a ribozyme which acts as an antagonist or agonist of translation termination, classified in class 435, subclass 91.31.
- II. Claims 5-6, drawn to an antisense molecule which acts as an antagonist or agonist of translation termination, classified in class 531, subclass 23.1.
- III. Claims 5-6, drawn to a ligand which acts as an antagonist or agonist of translation termination, classified in class 530, subclass 350.